

Chief Judge Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TEWOLDEBERHAN MEKONNEN,

a/k/a "Jamal,"

a/k/a "Jama,"

a/k/a "Jamo,"

DANIEL M. YOHANNES,

a/k/a "T.J.,"

ROBEL MEKONEN,

a/k/a "Zey,"

a/k/a "Tommy,"

a/k/a "Magic,"

LIBAN F. ALI,

a/k/a "Lee,"

ROBEL SISAY GEBREHEMEDHIU,

a/k/a "Rob,"

a/k/a "El,"

a/k/a "Robel Gebremedhin,"

Defendants.

NO. CR06-0026RSL

ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL

The Court has considered the joint motion filed by the Government and TEWOLDEBERHAN MEKONNEN, DANIEL M. YOHANNES, ROBEL MEKONEN, and LIBAN F. ALI, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A) concerning a continuance of the trial in this case:

THE COURT FINDS that this is a complex case involving extensive discovery and allegations of a multi-defendant conspiracy that spanned approximately two years;

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that continuing the trial in this case is necessary to allow defense counsel adequate time to investigate both the case and

1 effectively to prepare for trial;

2 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), that  
3 the ends of justice served by continuing the trial in this case outweigh the interest of the  
4 public and of the defendant in a more speedy trial;

5 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that, even if ROBEL GEBREHEMEDHIU is  
6 unwilling to waive his right to a speedy trial, a continuance of his trial is appropriate  
7 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7);

8 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the trial in this case shall be continued until  
9 September 25, 2006, and that the period of time from April 17, 2006, up to and  
10 including September 25, 2006, shall be excludable time under 18 U.S.C.  
11 § 3161(h)(8)(A); and

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for filing pretrial motions in this  
13 case shall be June 16, 2006, and that responses to motions shall be due June 30, 2006.

14 DONE this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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17 Robert S. Lasnik  
18 United States District Judge  
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